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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense*
The Attorney General**
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
The Director of Central Intelligence

I hereby direct that the products of satellite reconnaissance and information of the fact of such reconnaissance revealed by the product, shall be given strict security handling under the provisions of a special security control system approved by me. I hereby approve the TALENT-KEYHOLE Security Control System for this purpose.

Within your agency you shall be personally responsible for the selection of those personnel who will have access to the foregoing information and for determining the scope of that access. Access is to be on a "must know" basis related to major national security needs. A list of those selected shall be furnished to the Director of Central Intelligence, who will maintain and review the control roster. When they are indoctrinated they shall be informed of my specific direction to them that the provisions of the special Security Control System I have approved be strictly complied with, including the prohibition upon them of imparting any information within this system to any person not specifically known to them to be on the list of those authorized to receive this material. The responsibility for the selection of personnel may be delegated only to the senior intelligence chief or chiefs within the agencies serving as members of the U. S. Intelligence Board.

The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the U. S. Intelligence Board, will be responsible to me for determining all questions involved in the continued protection and control of the foregoing material and information, including the development of a common understanding as to the meaning of the term "must know" basis related to major national security needs," and a broad consensus as to the numbers of personnel in each agency comprehended by this term.

*For Department of Defense
including OSD, JCS, Army,
Navy, Air Force, and NSA
**For Director, FBI.

signed Dwight D. Eisenhower

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